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A HISTORY

OF

LONG ISLAND

FROM ITS EARLIEST SETTLEMENT TO THE PRESENT TIME

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tribe occupying the land, and on the 13th of December, 1640, obtained the following deed:

This Indenture, made the 13th day of December Anno Dom. 1640, betweene Pomatuck, Mandush, Mocomanto, Pathemanto, Wybbenett, Wainmenowog, Heden, Watemexoted, Checkepuchat, the native Inhabitants & true owners of the eastern pt of the Long Island, on the one part, and Mr. John Gosmer, Edward Howell, Daniel How, Edmond Needham, Thomas Halsey, John Cooper, Thomas Sayre, Edward Farrington, Job Sayre, George Welbee, Allen Breade, Willm Harker, Henry Walton, on the other part, witnesseth, that the sayed Indians, for due consideration of sixteen coats already received and alsoe three score bushells of indian corne to be payed vpon lawfull demand the last of September, which shall bee in the year 1641, & further in consideration that the above named English shall defend vs the sayed Indians from the uniust violence of whatever Indians shall illegolly assaile vs, do absolutely & for ever give & grant, and by these presents do acknowledge ovrselfes to have given & granted, to the partyes above mentioned, without any fraude, guile, mental reservation or equivocation to them and their heires & successors for ever, all the lands, woods, waters, water courses, easements, proffits & emoluments thence arising whatsoever, from the place commonly knowne by the place where the Indians hayle over their cannoes out of the North Bay to the south side of the Island, from thence to possess all the lands lying eastward between the foresaid bounds by water, to wit, all the lands pertaining to the parteyes aforesaid, as alsoe all the old ground formerly planted lying eastward from the first creek at the westermore end of Shinecock plaine; to have & to hold forever, without any claime or challenge of the least title, interest or propriety whatsoever of vs the sayd Indians or our heires or successors or any others by our leave, appointment, license, counsel or authority what soever, all the land bounded as is above said. In full testimone of this our absolute bargaine, contract & grant, indented, & in full and complete satisfaction & establishment of this our act & deed of passing over all our title and interest in the premises, with all emoluments & proffits thereto appertaining or any wise belonging from sea or land, within our limits above specified, with-

out all guile wee have set to our hands the day and yeare above sayd. Memorand.—Before the subscribing of this present writing it is agreed that the Indians aboue named shall have the libertie to break vp ground for their use to the westward of the creek above mentioned on the west side of Shinecock plaine.

Witness of the deliverie & subscribinge this writing: Abraham Pierson, Edward Stephenson, Robert Terry, Joseph Howe, Thomas Whitehone, Joshua Griffiths, William Howe Manatacut x his mark, Mandush x his mark, Wybenet x his mark, Howes x his mark, Secommecock x his mark, Mocomanto x his mark. These in the name of the rest.

This deed, however, elaborate as it is, did not quite satisfy the Indians, or rather the children of the original settlers. There gradually grew rumors of trouble and to adjust them the territory was again bought by a new deed in 1686. This pacified these children of nature, but in 1703 another generation arose and it too had to be pacified, and in that year a fresh deed was granted, which settled the claim forever.

According to Mr. Pelletreau the original settlers up to 1650 included: "Edward Howell, Thomas Halsey, Thomas Sayre, Job Sayre, William Harker, William Wells, John Moore, Thomas Talmadge jr., Thomas Talmadge sen., Abraham Pierson, Henry Pierson, Daniel Howe, Richard Barrett, William Rodgers, Fulk Davis, Nathaniel Kirtland, Phillip Kirtland, Thomas Farrington, John Farrington, Richard Mills, Thomas Tomson, Allen Breade, Henry Walton, Josiah Stanborough, Edmond Needham, Thomas Terry, George Welbee, John Gosmer, John Cooper, Henry Seymonds, Richard Post, John Stratton, Thomas Hildreth, Isaac Willman, John Budd, Thomas Burnett, Thurston Raynor, John Odgen, John White, Arthur Bostock, Richard Smith, Joshua Barnes, Theodore Vale, Thomas Topping, Jonas Wood, George Wood, John Mulford, Richard Odell, Edward Johnes, William Browne, Theodore Robinson, John Kelley, William Barnes, Robert Rose, Ellis Cook, John Cory, Robert Marvin, Jeremiah Howe,